



# LITERACY

## SPRING TERM 2

## NEWSLETTER



### What have we been doing this half term?

Spring Term 2 has been a fun, literacy-filled five weeks! World Book Day 2024 was a roaring success with the entire school getting involved. The Sixth Form students transformed the sixth form centre and class rooms into 'Hogwarts'; the Science department became 'Middle Earth'; the SENDI team were turned into the '101 Dalmatians' and the English department stayed in role all day long as the characters of James and the Giant Peach!

### Words of the week this half term:

The focus for the word of the week this term is on English words from the Latin root 'actum' meaning 'to do' or 'to act'. This half term, we have explored the words:

React  
Activity  
Exact  
Acting



### World Book Day!



World Book Day 2024 kicked off with a staff briefing that was quite different from usual: rather than Miss Jones we had Coraline; instead of Mr Barnett we had Mrs Trunchbull and instead of Miss Free we had Emmeline Pankhurst! Students in Key Stage 3 all received £1 World Book Day vouchers to spend on a book of their choice. We were able to walk through the 'Forbidden Forest' which had been carefully crafted by the Sixth Form who decorated the first floor as Hogwarts (complete with a new Sixth Form Cabinet line up including Harry Potter and Cedric Diggory!). Mr Butler and Miss Hopwood had the difficult task of choosing winners for the hotly contested door book covers college competition! Our Literacy Ambassadors were the judges who had to decide on who to award the 'best costume' (Miss Jones) and 'best department' (Sixth Form & Science). Ms Dewe treated us all to a wonderful reading of 'Happy Head' as she launched the WBD writing competition!



The Science department as Lord of the Rings!



Sixth Form students and teachers as Harry Potter!



The art department as Goldilocks and the Three Bears!

TGAW staff got into the WBD spirit by dressing up as literary characters!

### Door Book Covers!

Tutor groups were tasked with transforming their classroom doors into a book cover. The results were incredible and Mr Butler and Miss Hopwood awarded 12 prizes to groups who had created show-stopping doors!



### WBD Takeover in English

The English team provided James and the Giant Peach themed lessons to students in years 7, 8 and 9. Year 7 students used imagery and symbolism to create their own animals that represented them. Year 8 students engaged in a locked-jar time challenge! Year 9 students had a real 'taste' of A-Level Media Studies by investigating peach-flavoured objects and deciding which was the closest to 'reality'. When is a peach not a peach?



The English department as James & The Giant Peach!





## The Tudor Canon

This half term we have read:

- 'One of Us is Lying' - Karen McManus
- 'Throne of Glass' - Sarah Maas
- 'School for Good and Evil' - Soman Chainani
- 'The Princess and the Hustler' - Chinonyerem



Tune into Tutor

## Published Pupils!



We were very proud this term to have received copies of the 'Young Writers' anthologies 'Lest we Forget', 'This is Me' and 'Fright Club' which included copies of many TGAW students who were selected for publication last term!

## Warndon Library Visit

World Book day started early with a visit to the local Warndon library. 15 students attended along with Ms Band and Mrs Etteridge. They were introduced to the local library and services including using the library as a safe place and how to use computers to complete and print homework. They learnt about Lego club and other events including the forthcoming Stars Wars on May 4th! Students joined the library service and were able to choose books to take home. Everyone had a great day and we hope that our students will visit the local space again soon!



## Lunch time and after school Literacy Activities

- Debate Club with Miss Wilkinson (Tues)
- 'Lit & Lang' GCSE Revision (Thurs)

## WBD COLLEGE COMPETITION!

Write the next chapter of the book OR write the next chapter of the book as a graphic novel and present either as a series of drawings or photographs.

Deadline: Friday 12th April

1st prize £35 of books  
2nd prize £20 of books  
3rd prize £15 of books  
(Full details on Satchel 1)

## WHAT'S PLANNED FOR NEXT HALF TERM?

Next half term, students can look forward to:

- A summer writing competition!
- Photograph competition linked to literacy
- Book review opportunities
- Outdoor reading time
- STEM writing competition

Year 7 and 9  
Book Nook  
Lunchtime Quiet  
Reading

EVERY Wednesday  
12:35-1pm

Speak to  
Mrs Etteridge for  
details

Book Nook  
Lunchtime  
Quiet  
Reading



WBD Writing  
Competition:

<https://www.satchelone.com/login?userType=student>

